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DDA 76-2268

5 May 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

George:

Re the matter of medals for forthcoming significant retirees:

A. There is almost accord, although for different reasons, that it would not really be appropriate to bestow upon Bill Nelson a "community award". Jack Thomas also agrees with this point. DDO has submitted him for another Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

B. There is accord that the award of the Career Intelligence Medal to Dick Walters would be fitting. I would suggest for your own consideration, at the time you bestow it, that you work into your scenario at least the following two points. Dick already has received the Distinguished Intelligence Medal. Secondly, he was tremendously impressed with the fact that Bill Colby, upon his retirement asked for a Career Intelligence Medal and, further, the very name of the medal, even though bestowed by this Agency, is symptomatic of the majority of Dick's military career.

/s/ John F. Blake

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Jack:

1. write up Wakters for NSM. I'll raise wit Brent
2. Career Medal fine with me if properly checked here. since it is career for Agency I just want to be sure it is generally acceptable to Agency veterans (still here vets that is)... I like the idea.
3. On nelson for Community award again I favor it cause of high respect for Bill. But can we check it very carefully in Community to see, in the light of our recently adopted criteria etc. that we don't get into another hassle.....Maybe get Jack thomas quiet views on this.....

You also need to consider medal for Mr. Nelson - would it be possible to consider him for community award rather than just CIA award? DD supports entire community in a wider variety of substantive subjects than any other component of community.

Has J.A.T. spoken to you about retirement parties which you should host here at CIA for Walters and Nelson?

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SUBJECT : Awards for General Walters

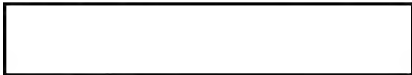
1. As General Walters' retirement draws near, you may wish to consider recommending that he be awarded the National Security Medal (NSM). In Executive Order 10431, dated 19 January 1953, the criteria for the NSM was set forth as follows:

"The National Security Medal may be awarded to any person without regard to nationality, including a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who, on or after 26 July 1947, has made an outstanding contribution to the National intelligence effort. This contribution may consist of either exceptionally meritorious service performed in a position of high responsibility or of an act of valor requiring personal courage of a high degree and complete disregard of personal safety."

General Walters' service to the United States Government appears to warrant such recognition.

2. For your information, I have attached a list of the recipients of the NSM. If you wish me to pursue this matter, I will have a recommending paper prepared to Mr. Scowcroft for your signature.

3. In addition, may I also suggest to you that General Walters would be honored to receive the Agency's Career Intelligence Medal in recognition of his achievements on behalf of our organization. Mr. Colby was the recipient of a Career Intelligence Medal on the occasion of his departure and I can attest that General Walters was particularly impressed that this was the specific award Mr. Colby preferred. Should you so desire, I will also have the appropriate recommendation prepared for this award.


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NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL

<u>Medal Number</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Date Authorized</u>	<u>Approved By</u>	<u>Presented By</u>
1	Walter Bedel Smith	21 Feb 1953	DDE	AWD
2	Kermit Roosevelt	23 Sept 1953	AWD	DDE
3	Joseph N. Wenger	6 Aug 1953	AWD	AWD
4	Edward G. Lansdale	14 Apr 1954	AWD	DDE
5	John Edgar Hoover	21 May 1955	DDE	DDE
6	William F. Friedman	10 Oct 1955	AWD	DDE
7	Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan	1 Apr 1957	DDE	DDE
8	Allen W. Dulles	28 Nov 1961	JFK	JFK
9	Robert D. Murphy	23 Nov 1959	DDE	DDE
10	Richard M. Bissell, Jr.	21 Feb 1962	JFK	JFK
11	John A. McCone	27 Apr 1965	LBJ	LBJ
12	Frank B. Rowlett	28 Jan 1966	LBJ	LBJ
13	VAdm. William F. Raborn	3 Aug 1966	LBJ	LBJ
14	Desmond FitzGerald	3 Aug 1967	LBJ	LBJ
15	Arthur C. Lundahl	5 Jul 1973	RMN	VAW
16	Lawrence R. Houston	21 Nov 1973	RMN	WEC
17	Louis W. Tordella	30 Jan 1974	RMN	JRS
18	Edwin H. Land	13 Apr 1974	RMN	
19	John Parangosky	14 Jan 1976	GRF	GRF
20	William E. Colby	21 Jan 1976	GRF	GRF

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